

OVER THE STATE

"A boy thinks he is going to be his own boss after he is twenty-one," says Carl Brown, "and he will be fooled in several other ways as time passes."

The Lawrence Journal-World declares that George Marble's refusal to consider the suggestion that he become Democratic candidate for governor proves that, while he "may be a visionary reformer in most respects, he has a grounding of good hard sense."

The Newton Kansan is opposed to tin cans in the back yard on general principles, but it's going to start a regular riot if tin cans are left lying about without holes in the bottom. For, according to the health service, cans without holes catch and hold water in which mosquitoes breed.

The Bartlesville Examiner says that a negro living in that town, and known as the "King of Little Africa" lost \$100 in a dice game and then fell dead. Any negro that had that much money and should have the misfortune to lose it, ought to fall dead.

The Newton Kansan doesn't take any stock in the story that Henderson Martin will return from the Philippines to take part in the coming campaign. That would require him to give up a \$16,000 a year job—which is entirely at variance with all Kansas political precedent.

George Hodges has been down in Florida this winter on a fishing trip, but principally to get a long rest. The other night he made a speech at a banquet at St Petersburg, Fla., and he made such a hit that unless he hikes back home pretty soon they may run him for governor down there.

"Another successful revival in Barnard is being largely attended by people from this vicinity," writes the Eureka correspondent of the Beloit Gazette. "Every year they have a successful revival and every one in town is converted and the next year they seem to harvest just as large a crop."

To show what a serene, lovable disposition he has, Geo. Arbuckle of Kansas City, who has been required by the court to pay his wife \$35 all-mony per month, sent her the amount in 3,500 pennies. He sent them in a lubricating oil can and the pennies had to be washed with kerosene before they were acceptable at the bank. And still some people advocate the abolition of the divorce court.—Turon Press.

A county superintendent in a neighboring county asked every teacher at the county institute who took their local or county paper to hold up their hands, six responded. The superintendent expressed great surprise and said: "You don't spend a dollar a year with those papers yet you expect them to print free of charge, notices of all institutes, insert long programs, expect them to advertise you, thus assisting you to climb the ladder to better positions and better salaries without a cent in return.—Vega Sentinel.

The old fashioned man who beat a debt and couldn't silence his conscience showed up in Halstead in new trappings last Saturday. Entering a hardware store and approaching John Lehman he said, "Are you John Lehman and did you run a store in Halstead in 1876? I lived on a claim near here and you sold me a \$17 plow on credit. Crops were bad and I left without settling. I've done well in Colorado in recent years and I want to ease my conscience. Here is \$25 for the plow and the interest."

Whenever a doctor uses his skill to commit a moral or legal wrong because somebody pays him for it; whenever a lawyer uses his ability for pay, or prospect of pay, to make the machinery grind out a grist of injustice and tyranny; whenever the churchman uses his sacred office to grasp worldly goods and teach darkness and bigotry for the coin of the realm, thus leading souls to hades; whenever anyone in any profession dishonors himself he dishonors and discredits the entire profession, ninety per cent of whom are innocent.—H. E. Bruce.

"The graduating class," announces the high school reporter of the Eudora News, "has sent to the E. A. Wright Bank Note Company of Philadelphia for their commencement programs. The E. A. Wright Bank Note Company is going to have the graduating exercises printed in the Philadelphia Public Ledger. The Ledger will tell how beautiful the girls are, how well they did, how nice the decorations and all that. The editor of the News has been real kind to us this term. He has given us about \$150 worth of space absolutely free and our school notes have always had front page position. But his graduating programs didn't suit us."

Farmers of Oklahoma have been asked to feed birds. That would have been laughed at ten years ago, says the Tulsa Democrat, but now it is looked upon as a business proposition. Birds are a delight as well as a profit. Feed the birds. When one understands the intimate relation existing between bird life and plant and insect life in the economy of nature; how necessary they are to each other, the Democrat can well afford to give the above advice. Why, if there were no birds and insects there would be very little plant life, and that of the cryptogamic form which is the least useful to us, belonging, as it does, to the third age of the world.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

Editor Peterson of the Cimarron Jacksonian rose to a point of order on a few things in the following language last week: "A certain amount of vocational training, under competent instruction, may be a good thing in high schools, but nothing will set back this vocational movement so much as attempting technical training under instructors who do not know themselves the things they are supposed to teach, however good their intentions. Learning a thing wrong is worse than not learning it at all. No less an authority than J. D. Rickman, head of the school of printing at Manhattan, states that it takes at least three years under expert instruction to make a printer—as long a term of training as many lawyers and doctors have—and yet we hear of a small town high school where the chance against maintaining expert instruction is about 100 to 1, giving courses in printing. Perhaps the next things offered will be courses in civil engineering, navigation, medicine, shoe-making, dentistry, lumber milling and barbering, taught by instructors who are specialists in chemistry, English, bookkeeping, manual training, pedagogy and mathematics. Botch workmanship is bad and plentiful enough, but when it is made permanent by gelatinous ignorance ossified into a complacent delusion that one has 'graduated' in a vocational subject, after dabbling under a well-meaning instructor who has no training in things he tries to teach, it will result in an appalling mess of self-satisfied but incompetent and half-baked misfits."

A. W. Parsons, who resides south of Texhoma, brought some apples to this office the latter part of last week which were grown in his orchard last year. These apples are just as fine in every particular as the finest ones that are shipped to this section. We have seen no better apples this winter, regardless of where they were grown. The Parsons have been growing a lot of good fruit on their farm for a number of years and they have made a great success with apples especially. If this fruit will produce in this way on the Parsons farm it will do the same on most every farm in this country. The main trouble is that people do not give fruit a chance here. It takes work to grow fruit successfully as well as the success of most anything else depends upon the work and energies. This is a good fruit country, but most people are negligent along that particular line.—Texhoma Times.

D. I. Roush, M. D., of Chicago, who has been lecturing in the different towns along the Rock Island, including Meade, thinks so well of our town that he has decided to settle here, open an office, and bring his family as soon as possible. Dr. Roush is a good lecturer, and there are many from Liberal and Minneola who are seeking his services as a physician. He has studied in America and Europe, taught in some of the medical colleges of Chicago, is up to date, and those who have called on him for service feel that he knows his business. We bespeak for him great success in his growing field.—Meade News.

The more quiet and conservative element of our citizenship should appreciate the work of our officers in putting the kibosh on booze on the day of the race. Geo. Ely was represented by a large shipment of his goods which the sheriff held up at the depot until the races were over. It was pretty severe for some of the boys who thought they could not get along without their tea, but nevertheless the day passed off without any serious accidents that otherwise might have caused someone's death had booze had its way.—Guymon Democrat.

Two men were brought to town late Tuesday afternoon for medical aid that had been caught in a prairie fire out on the Coldwater. They were a Mr. Green and Mr. Lewis, and were in a wagon. It seems that they were coming up a hill and did not see the fire until they were right at it

and had no chance for escape. Both men were burned very bad on their faces and hands.—Texhoma Argus.

Charley Johnson and R. S. Randall drove to Elkhart Sunday. They ate dinner at Liberal and something they ate—supposed to be chicken—gave them ptomaine poisoning. They did not feel any bad effects until they reached Elkhart. Charley was under a doctor's care, but R. S. escaped more easily. They returned home Tuesday.—Greensburg Signal.

Two little school boys, Winifred Dick and Harry Bain, both about eight or nine years old, attacked a little girl, Mary Davis, of about the same age, at or near the school house one day after school, and as the result both boys were expelled from school, were arrested and spent a day or two in jail, and must appear in court Monday to answer for their "good time."—Meade Globe.

NOT A CANDIDATE

Yuan Shi Kai didn't want the nomination for emperor in the first place. He told the boys he wasn't a candidate. When the committee from the First Ward Yuan-for-Emperor Club called on him he issued a statement in which he said that although the success of the party would always be the first consideration with him he could not consent to the use of his name before the convention.

But his friends went right ahead getting pledged delegations for him. The Third District convention at Ex-Cel-Shi Springs-Chow, under the leadership of Liv Morse-sing, declared for him and after that it was a stampede. All the best people were for him, including Shy Wil Yum Barnes and Dr. Nick Mur Hay Butler Chow. Their slogan was, Yuan and Prosperity. The pressure on him was so great that Yuan, although continuing to withhold his formal consent to run, was induced to make a tour of the provinces and allow the people to look him over.

His first visit, of course, was to Kan Shi City, where he was met by the bankers and spoke before the Tom-tom Club. He said the time was come for China to be redeemed. Business didn't know where it was at. The railroads were harassed by hostile legislation requiring the engine to whistle before running down picnic parties. Banks were forbidden to lend the office boy more than

50 million yen. The directors of insurance companies were not permitted to spend more than one hundred thousand yen for an office rug to give the president on his birthday. Corporations were forced to keep their books in the safe instead of in a cave where the ancestral fires were ready to burn them in accordance with the ancient rites and vested rights of business.

After this speech there was no stopping Yuan's nomination. Vermont-sing and Utah-kai declared for him. When the convention met he was nominated by a tremendous minority.

But now that the returns are in Yuan has again reminded the boys that he was not a candidate. He never had any ambition to be emperor, his health is not good and the crown would seriously impede the growth of a wen on the back of his neck which he has been cultivating for years. At his age he cannot consent to mount a throne that won't stand still. If Shy Wil Yum Barnes and Dr. Nick Mur Hay Butler Chow can bring him a throne that has been broke and won't lie down and roll over on him he might talk to them.

In retiring from the race he begs to tender his thanks to the Tom-tom Club of Kan Shi City and to Liv Morse-sing and to recommend to their attention a younger man who shares his views and theirs—the eminent yellow jacketed Mr. Weeks Chang of Bos-ton Province.—Kansas City Star.

ARE YOU AN ADVERTISER

Mending dolls and toys for the children and keeping baby carriages for the use of those country patrons who bring their children along into town were two forms of successful advertising mentioned by Missouri hardware dealers in their state convention at St. Louis recently. But advertising in the home and county papers played a large part in the discussion of business assets.

When advertising reaches the stage where even the hardware men make the discussion of it the feature of a several days' program, it is time for the non-advertiser to take a personal inventory and find out what's wrong with him.—University Missourian.

S. C. W. Leghorn eggs, \$4 per 100; less quantities 5 cents each.—E. S. Bosarth, Liberal, Kansas.

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